

Claims

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is as follows:

- 1 1. A kit for use in playing a golf and soccer-like game, comprising:
2 a play ball;
3 a club having a shaft and a club head coupled to a first end of said shaft for striking said
4 play ball; and
5 a target ball for being positioned a selected distance from said club and adapted to be
6 contacted by said play ball during game play, whereby a player is allowed to
7 strike said play ball using said club until said play ball contacts said target ball.
- 1 2. The kit as in claim 1 wherein said target ball includes a diameter that is larger
2 than a diameter of said play ball.
- 1 3. The kit as in claim 1 further comprising a plurality of play balls, each of said
2 plurality of play balls having a color that is different from any other of said plurality of play
3 balls.
- 1 4. The kit as in claim 1 wherein said play ball includes a layer of fuzzy material.
- 1 5. The kit as in claim 1 wherein said target ball includes a plurality of concentric
2 regions, each concentric region including means for indicating an associated point value.

1 6. The kit as in claim 5 wherein:

2 said target ball includes one of a hook and loop fastener material connected to at least
3 one of said plurality of concentric regions; and
4 said play ball includes another of a hook and loop fastener material attached to an outer
5 surface thereof, whereby said play ball is releasably coupled to said target ball
6 when respective hook and loop fastener materials engage one another.

1 7. The kit as in claim 1 wherein said shaft includes a first shaft portion defining a
2 longitudinal axis and a second shaft portion telescopically received in said first shaft portion
3 and movable along said longitudinal axis, whereby to adjust the length of said shaft.

1 8. The kit as in claim 7 further comprising means on said shaft for selectively
2 holding and releasing said first and second shaft portions at a selected telescopic
3 configuration.

1 9. The kit as in claim 1 wherein said club head includes first and second club
2 faces having a symmetrical configuration so that said club may be used by right or left
3 handed players.

1 10. The kit as in claim 1 wherein:

2 said club head comprises:

3 a club face portion;

4 a rod extending from said club face portion;

5 a club head spline extending about said rod adjacent said club face portion;

6 said club comprises:

7 a hosel fixedly attached to said first end of said shaft for coupling said club
8 head to said shaft, said hosel defining a bore therethrough for
9 receiving said rod for relative movement therein;
10 a hosel spline positioned in said bore; and
11 means for selectively moving said rod between an engaged configuration in
12 which said hosel and club head splines are releasably mated together
13 to prevent rotational movement of said club face portion and a
14 released configuration in which said hosel and club head splines are
15 displaced from one another so as to allow rotational movement of
16 said club face portion.

1 11. The kit as in claim 10 further comprising spring means in said hosel bore for
2 biasing said rod toward said engaged configuration; and
3 wherein said means for selectively moving said rod includes a lever pivotally coupled
4 to said hosel adjacent a free end of said rod for selectively urging said rod toward
5 said released configuration.

1 12. A kit for use in playing a golf and soccer-like game, comprising:
2 a play ball;
3 a club having a shaft and a club head axially coupled to a first end of said shaft, said
4 club head including a club face portion having a pair of opposed symmetrically
5 configured club faces for striking said play ball;
6 means for selectively rotating said club head to a desired club face configuration;
7 a target ball for being positioned a selected distance from said club and adapted to be
8 contacted by said play ball when said play ball is struck during game play.

1 13. The kit as in claim 12 wherein said means for selectively rotating said club
2 head comprises:

3 a hosel fixedly attached to said first end of said shaft for coupling said club head to said
4 shaft, said hosel defining a bore at an acute angle relative to said shaft;

5 a hosel spline positioned in said bore;

6 a rod extending outwardly from said club face portion of said club head and received in
7 said hosel bore for relative back and forth movement therein;

8 a club head spline extending about said rod adjacent said club face portion;

9 means for selectively moving said rod between an engaged configuration in which said
10 hosel and club head splines are releasably mated together to prevent rotational
11 movement of said club face portion and a released configuration in which said
12 hosel and club head splines are displaced from one another so as to allow
13 rotational movement of said club face portion.

1 14. The kit as in claim 13 further comprising spring means in said hosel bore for
2 biasing said rod toward said engaged configuration; and

3 wherein said means for selectively moving said rod includes a lever pivotally coupled
4 to said hosel adjacent a free end of said rod for selectively urging said rod toward
5 said released configuration.

1 15. The kit as in claim 12 wherein said shaft includes a first shaft portion
2 defining a longitudinal axis and a second shaft portion telescopically received in said first
3 shaft portion and movable along said longitudinal axis, whereby to adjust the length of said
4 shaft; and

5 said kit further comprising means on said shaft for selectively holding and releasing
6 said first and second shaft portions at a selected telescopic configuration.

1 16. The kit as in claim 12 wherein:
2 said target ball includes a diameter that is larger than a diameter of said play ball; and
3 said play ball includes an outer layer of fuzzy material;

1 17. The kit as in claim 12 wherein:
2 said target ball includes a plurality of concentric regions, each concentric region
3 including means for indicating an associated point value;
4 said target ball includes one of a hook and loop fastener material connected to at least
5 one of said plurality of concentric regions; and
6 said play ball includes another of a hook and loop fastener material attached to an outer
7 surface thereof, whereby said play ball is releasably coupled to said target ball
8 when respective hook and loop fastener materials engage one another.

- 1 18. A method for playing a golf and soccer-like game, comprising:
- 2 (a) providing in combination a target ball, at least one play ball, and a club having a
- 3 shaft with a club head coupled to the shaft for striking said play ball;
- 4 (b) positioning said target ball a selected distance from said play ball and said club;
- 5 (c) striking said play ball with said club head for moving said play ball toward said
- 6 target ball;
- 7 (d) repeating step (c) until said play ball strikes said target ball.

1 19. A sports equipment piece for use in a golf-like game, comprising:
2 a shaft having first and second ends;
3 a hosel fixedly attached to said first end of said shaft and defining a bore at an acute
4 angle relative to said shaft;
5 a hosel spline positioned in said bore;
6 a club head having a club face portion for striking said play ball and a rod extending
7 outwardly from said club face portion and received in said hosel bore for relative
8 longitudinal and rotational movement therein, said club head including a club
9 head spline extending about said rod adjacent said club face portion; and
10 means for selectively moving said rod between an engaged configuration in which said
11 hosel and club head splines are releasably mated together to prevent rotational
12 movement of said club face portion and a released configuration in which said
13 hosel and club head splines are displaced from one another to allow rotational
14 movement of said club face portion.

1 20. The sports equipment piece as in claim 19 further comprising spring means
2 in said hosel bore for biasing said rod toward said engaged configuration; and
3 wherein said means for selectively moving said rod includes a lever pivotally coupled
4 to said hosel adjacent a free end of said rod for selectively urging said rod toward
5 said released configuration.